

Preliminary Amendment  
Application of MEUNIER et al.  
NEW Appln. corresp. to PCT/FR03/003929  
Attorney Docket No. 802220-0021US

### **REMARKS**

Consideration of the foregoing preliminary amendments is respectfully solicited.

As mentioned above, the Substitute Specification submitted herewith merely adds section headings in accordance with preferred U.S. patent practice. No new matter is believed added thereby. A replacement Abstract is also submitted herewith.

The amendments to the claims present in the corresponding international application place them in closer conformance with U.S. patent practice. In addition, claims 13-24 are newly added to further claim patentable features of the disclosed invention. Each new claim added is believed fully supported by the application as filed.

In view of the foregoing, favorable action on the merits is solicited. Should the Examiner feel a telephonic discussion regarding this application would be useful, he/she is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney.

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No fee is believed due in connection with this submission. However, any fee deficiency in connection with this submission should be charged to Deposit Account No. 502-927.

Respectfully submitted,

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